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Dear Bill,

I thank you for supporting the Interagency Telephone Laboratory conducted by the Bureau as a service of common concern for the Intelligence Community. I commend specifically Assistant Director Jay Cochran of your Technical Services Division and Dr. Jerry Breidenfeld of that office for their work in analyzing telephone deficiencies and compromises and reporting them to the Community. These reports have been comprehensive and well written.

I note that recent ITL examinations have revealed deficiencies in some telephone security devices and equipment in use by the Intelligence Community. Awareness of these deficiencies is essential to taking adequate defensive measures to prevent compromise of classified information.

Telephone security is increasingly important in view of widespread use, the paucity of secure voice systems and advances in attack technology. These factors augment my concerns about telephone vulnerabilities. Toward countering this threat I have emphasized the need for additional research and development to permit meaningful security policy guidance. These changes will increase the responsibility and workload of the Interagency Telephone Laboratory.

I believe this effort is important to the Intelligence Community security program. Your continued support in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Yours,

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